

I-44 Construction Work East of Lebanon, MO



I-44 Project Details

Roadway Work:

- Rehabilitation – Eastbound lanes (Mile Markers 135 to 145): Major pavement repairs and new concrete
- Resurfacing – Westbound lanes (Mile Markers 145 to 130): New asphalt – Eastbound lanes (Mile Markers 130 to 135): New asphalt

Bridge Work:

- Gasconade River – New railing, widened by 2 feet
- Gasconade "Overflow" – New barrier walls
- Bear Creek – New curbs to protect bridge walls

Work Hours: Contractor crews may work 24 hours a day at times, including weekends, using banks of bright lights to illuminate the work area

Completion: Entire project scheduled for completion by December 1

Prime Contractor: APAC Missouri, Inc.

Cost: \$15 million



TRAFFIC IMPACTS

'Head to Head' Traffic: Eastbound lanes closed; 2-way traffic in Westbound lanes for 65 days.

EXPECT SLOWDOWNS.

BE PREPARED TO STOP IN CASE OF TRAFFIC INCIDENTS.

Timeline for 'Head to Head' Traffic :
June 7 through August 10

Ramp Closings at Interchanges when Eastbound lanes are closed:

- Eastbound off-ramp & on-ramp at Route F/Sleeper Exit (Mile Marker 135) closed entire project
- Eastbound off-ramp at Route N/T (Mile Marker 140) closed for up to 14 days, in mid- to late June
- Eastbound on-ramp at Route N/T (Mile Marker 140) closed during entire project

Work Zone Speed Limit: 60 mph

I-44 Information Sources:

Phone: 1-888-ASK-MoDOT or 417-895-7600 (daytime) in Springfield

Web site: www.modot.org

News Media: Local and area newspapers, radio and TV will carry project updates and traffic emergency alerts

I-44 Driver Assistance/Lebanon Area

Electronic Message Boards: Watch for traffic alerts and other information being flashed on electronic signs that are set up approaching the Lebanon project and at many other project locations the entire length of I-44 in Missouri.

Motorist Assist/Emergency Response: Specially equipped and staffed truck will help drivers who run out of fuel or have other breakdowns in work zone, with the goal of getting the vehicle moving again or out of the roadway. Crews will work closely with police, fire, ambulance and tow-truck responders to help with traffic control during incidents that block traffic.

Emergency Pull-Offs: 20 emergency pull-offs are built (one every half mile) for Eastbound traffic on Westbound side. Each pull-off will be 180 feet long and up to 8 feet wide. (Westbound traffic has 10-foot wide shoulders for vehicles to use for an emergency stop in the work zone.

Emergency Detours: The I-44 South Outer Road will be used as emergency detour if I-44 is blocked for a significant length of time and traffic stops. The outer road runs the entire length of the project. However, the Gasconade River bridge on the outer road is narrow and drivers should proceed with caution.

Alternate Routes: Long-distance travelers can use Route 60/360 Springfield to Cabool and Route 63 Cabool to Rolla.

Local Commuters: Find alternate route to use on daily basis, if necessary; avoid I-44, especially during busiest times of day and heavy weekend travel times on Friday afternoons and Sunday afternoons. A special map is available showing other state routes where Laclede, Pulaski and Camden counties meet. Those routes include Routes 133, 17, P, AB and AA in Pulaski County; Route JJ in Camden and Laclede counties; and Routes FF, T, F, 32, MM and N in Laclede County. (Map of I-44 Lebanon Area Relief Routes available on the MoDOT web site at www.modot.org.)

Merging into One Lane: Traffic-sensitive electronic message boards will provide real-time information to eastbound drivers on where to merge into one lane.

Width Restriction of 15 feet through work zone: Check with MoDOT for more information about hauling over-sized loads and the permits needed.



I-44 Relief Routes Lebanon Area

